Power Shortage in Andhra Pradesh

2561. SHRI *TALARI MANORAR:* Will the Minister o ENERGY be pleased to state;

a) whether it is afact that power requirement in Am'hra Pradeh is increasing considerab y;

(b) if so, what ere the steps taken by the Ministry to face the power problems of Andh a Pradesh; and

(c) what are the details of the po wer availability ani requirement in Andhra Pradesh ai present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir, the power requiremen in Andhra Pradesh is increasing.

(b) The various steps being taken to increase the availability of powe in Andhra Pradesh include powe supply from Central Sector Station to the maximum e. tent possible, im plementation of a C entrally Sponsoreo R&M programme at Kothagudem Thermal Powoer Station, expediting commissioning of balance capacity targetted to be co npleted. in the Seventh Plan.

(c) During Jul ', 1987 the power requirement in Andhra Pradesh was 1340 million units, against which the availability was 1227 million units

Manufacture of ,AB and Paraffin

2562. SHRI CHLAANBHAI MEH-TA: Will the Min iter of INDUSTRY [1] .ie pleased to Mt! 'T

(a) whether it is a' fact that Gov ernment have taken a policy decision to allow manufacturing of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) only by pub lie Sector or joint sector companitD if so, when this decision was taker.

(b) whether it is also a faet that M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. ha been given a licence to manufactu LAB; if so, when was this licence issued;

(c) what is the per tonne cost o* production of normal paraffin (N-paraffin) which |s manufactured in India for captive consumption; and

(d) who are the manufacturers of n-paicffin in India; whether their entire production is consumed by them or any part of it is marketed; if so, at what rate it is being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF STAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMI CALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN' THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Manufacture of Linear Al kyl Benzene (LAB) is not restricted to public sector or joint sector companies only.

(b) M/s. Reliance Industries Limited were issued an industrial licence on 25-3-86 for the manufacture of LAB.

(c) and (d) M/s. Indian Petro chemicals Corporation Limited are the only manufacture of normal paraffin in India; their entire production of normal paraffin for LAB manufacture is consumed captively. It is not in the commercial interest of the Corporation to disclose the cost of production of normal paraffin.